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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ON GENEVA TALKS, JANUARY 27

1. THE GUARDIAN GIVES FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO THE  
"LISTENING ROLE" VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WILL PLAY IN  
LONDON. THE DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTS THAT PROBABLY THE  
MOST THE U.S. CAN DO IS TO PRESS THE RUSSIANS NOT TO  
DEEPEN COMMUNIST INVOLVEMENT.
2. GUARDIAN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JONATHAN STEELE:  
"...MONDALE WILL TAKE 'A LISTENING ROLE' ON THE ISSUE  
OF RHODESIA WHEN HE ARRIVES IN LONDON (TODAY) U.S.  
OFFICIALS SAID (YESTERDAY). IN SPITE OF THE COLLAPSE OF  
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THE RICHARD MISSION, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS IN NO  
HURRY TO REVIVE DIRECT AMERICAN INTERVENTION WHICH DR.  
KISSINGER BEGAN LAST SUMMER.... (YESTERDAY'S) STATEMENT  
(BY STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FRED BROWN) IMPLICITLY  
RECOGNIZES THAT THE KISSINGER PLAN IS DEAD AND IS MEANT  
TO PUT THE U.S. SQUARELY BEHIND BRITAIN."

3. DAILY TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT DAVID ADAMSON IN CAPE TOWN:

"IT IS TACITLY ACCEPTED (HERE) THAT THE BATON, OR MORE APTLY THE HOT POTATO, HAS BEEN PASSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEW ADMINISTRATION.... NEW IDEAS ON HOW TO BEGIN AGAIN HAVE EMERGED ALTHOUGH BRITAIN, AMERICA AND SOUTH AFRICA AGREE THAT STOPPING THE FIGHTING MUST REMAIN AN URGENT PRIORITY. PROBABLY THE MOST THE AMERICANS CAN DO ...IS TO PRESS THE RUSSIANS NOT TO DEEPEN COMMUNIST INVOLVEMENT.... IN THE HONEYMOON PERIOD OF A NEW ADMINISTRATION, MR. VORSTER WILL PROBABLY WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE."

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